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## **MEETING SUMMARY**

November 25, 2014

Meeting began at 7:00 p.m. at City Services Building (2728 E. 171st Street).

Brief introductions from attendees. Jim Ake noted there would be no meeting in December.

Mayor Cook was absent. Council President Jim Ake entertained questions. Ken Alexander fielded a question regarding Oak Ridge extension. Ken noted that Oak Ridge will extend, but not moving forward with it at this time. Trying to limit the amount of curb cuts to SR 32.

Infrastructure update – Ken Alexander

Ken highlighted various infrastructure projects this year:

## 186 street improvement

\$350K worth of road neighborhood improvements (largest piece was Greyhound Pass) Carey Road and 161<sup>st</sup> Street roundabout (more top layer paving will wait until it is warmer, landscaping as well)

Larry Clarino asked about replacing trees. Ken said we have a detailed landscaping plan that was put together by DLZ and also a plan put together by Chris McConnell. Will be working with Suzie Dubois to get mature trees. A lot of people are upset by the removal of trees. The church is also looking at replacement program.

Probably about March or April when the surface goes down.

Union Street extension – will connect Union to 191<sup>st</sup> street to connect to US 31. Road will be called IMMI Way

Monon Phase 3 paving

Cindy Spoljaric asked about flooding on Carey Road. Working with USI and talking to County Surveyor. Federally mandated Rule 5 prevents sedimentation from leaving work site, so black fences also cause flooding.

Utilities continue to be a bit of a headache. They were a headache at Carey Road – project was delayed by three months.

Mill Street – land acquisition and utility projects, project should start first of Spring. Spring Mill and Oak Ridge roundabouts will NOT be done at the same time. So will not be shutting down two main intersections at the same time.

Monon Trail Bridge over 32 will happen next year.

West Access Road – first main appraisal was in last week. Will start reaching out to landowner on 151<sup>st</sup> street to start negotiation process. Still working out stormwater issues. Will be putting in in-line detention so we don't have to buy more right of way for utility.

Ken also showed the group the road projects map on the website.

Harmony on Ditch – when go vertical, puts in roundabout, probably won't post

Midland Trail – if people are not willing to sell they can take up to 2-3 years before acquiring land. Process was slowed due to cash shortfall. Parks department did all of their planning due to an impact fee of developers.

HOA of Crestview - Questions about Midland Trail. Currently working through process. Trail could start in Spring of 2016

Ken passed out a snow removal map. Broken into four color-coded zones. Neighborhoods will be done by private contractors. Private contractors allow city to be more flexible.

Ken also passed out an organizational chart of Public Works Dept.

Federal assistance with downtown work saved us money: \$7 million since April 2013; \$7 million more anticipated December 2015 – federal money awarded to the City

## Communications

A discussion occurred concerning improving communication with residents. A committee was formed consisting of Mic Mead, Joe Graff, Chuck Watson and Zach Burton to explore ideas.

## Metronet Update

Have been talking to them about proposal. Steve Hoover is working with them. Will proceed with legislative procedure to set up TIF on lines. They are responsible for paying off the bond. Still looking at what options are available for Centennial residents.

Jim Ake concluded the meeting shortly after 8:30 p.m.